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**Office Action Summary**

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Applicant(s)

POCHMULLER ET AL.

Examiner

Amare Mengistu

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

**Status**

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on \_\_\_\_.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**.                      2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-11 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-11 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on \_\_\_\_ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
- If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120**

- 13) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All   b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- \* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
- a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

**Attachment(s)**

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)                      4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). \_\_\_\_.
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)                      5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) \_\_\_\_.
- 6) ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### DETAILED ACTION

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over **Siege et al**, (5,752,177) in view of **Dethloff et al** (4,250,560).

As to claim 1, **Siege et al**, (hereinafter **Siege**) discloses a device for receiving data via radio signals in a motor vehicle, comprising: a radio receiver for receiving data (fig.1 (11)); a memory (fig.1 (21)); a display for displaying a processed data (fig.1 (17,22)). **Siege** did not expressly disclose a processor and input device. However, the patent of **Dethloff et al** (hereinafter **Dethloff**) is cited to teach that it is well know for an electronic control unit to have an input device and a processor (figs. 1 and 2 (4)). Furthermore, **Dethloff teaches** that data can be play back or retrieving stored information at any time by using input device (see, col. 4, last 2 lines; col.5, lines 13-21; col.8, lines 65- col.9, lines 7).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one skill in the art at the time of the invention was made to have been motivated to incorporate the data play back (data retrieving) system of **Dethloff** into the device of **Siege**; because this will allow the user for a quick retrieval of a data by means of a single retrieving proves, and thus also to have the possibility of simply feeding the data without having to overcome storage problem.

3. Claims 2-5 and 11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over **Siege** in view of **Dethloff** as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of **Guenther et al** (5,086,510).

As to claims 2-5, and 11, **Siege** as modified by **Dethloff et al** discloses an input device (fig.1 (4)) but did not explicitly disclose the type of input devices. **Guenther et al** (hereinafter **Guenther**) teaches that it is conventional for a vehicle to have different types of input devices; for example: a pushbutton (fig.1 (21,31); fig.4 (21-24)); a remote control (fig.6); a microphone (fig.1 (15)); selection option (col.6, lines 56-61). **Guenther** did not specifically state that the push button causes various states of the device after operation for different periods of time.. It is obvious that **Guenther's** push button would causes various states when selecting one of the equipments to operate at a different periods of time (see, col.6, lines 56-61).

4. Claims 6-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over **Siege et al**, in view of **Dethloff et al** and **Guenther** .as applied to claims 1 and 5 above, and further in view of **Goodman** (4,342,095).

As to claims 6-10, **Siege** as modified by **Dethloff** and **Guenther** disclose display selection option (see, col.6, lines 56-61), but has failed to teach the selection option includes resume, return and restart options. **Goodman** suggests that in a computer display system it is well known to select data by having resume, return or restart options (see, col.9, lines 44- col.10, lines 9). It is obvious these selection options are done through a software or hardware (see, col.2, lines 60- col.3, lines 7).

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Therefore, it would have been obvious to one skill in the art at the time of the invention was made to have used the selection option method of **Goodman** into the system of **Siege**, since this will provide flexibility for the user to manipulate the data as preferred at any time.

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Amare Mengistu whose telephone number is (703) 305-4880. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F, T-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Bipin Shalwala can be reached on (703) 305-4938. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 872-9306.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-9600.

  
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